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Dear Senate Agriculture Committee:

The Capital Area Humane Society in Lansing, Michigan has a strong track record of saving lives and promoting the humane treatment of animals. We were founded in Lansing, Michigan and have been serving our community for over 80 year.

As a progressive animal welfare organization we strongly oppose the use of gas chambers for euthanasia. While we understand that there have been many grass roots efforts to eliminate gas chambers in Michigan, there exists no law to prevent this method of euthanasia now considered by veterinarians and animal welfare organizations as barbaric and cruel. That is why we support Senate Bill 403.

It is my understanding that there is little opposition to this legislation. While we rest easier knowing that existing gas chambers in Michigan have been shut down, only legislation can ensure that no companion animal in Michigan will ever have to endure this fate.

We sincerely appreciate your efforts to create and strengthen laws that protect those without a voice.

Sincerely,

Julia Willson
President and CEO
Capital Area Humane Society